

Matching Priorities and Resources

The Plan for Right of Way Permitting and Compliance



Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC)

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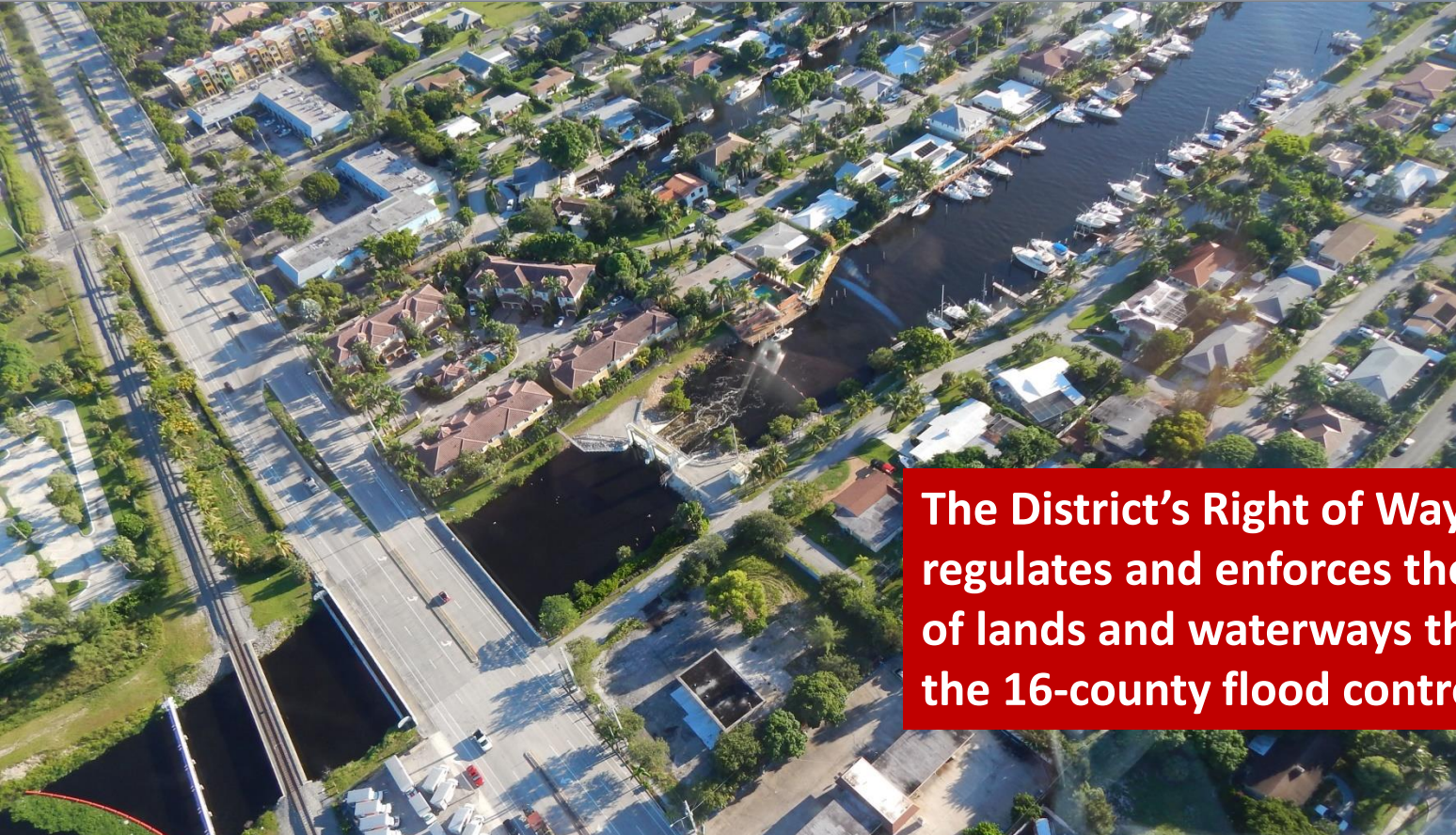
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Right of Way is the foundation upon which the District is able to accomplish its flood control mission.



Its protection and management is paramount.

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The District's Right of Way Section regulates and enforces the Rules for use of lands and waterways that comprise the 16-county flood control system.

There are two primary functions:
PERMITTING and COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT.

Right of Way Staff

The Section has 24 staff located throughout the eight field stations and at the WPB headquarters.

- **Four persons perform application review and permit issuance.**
- **Eleven persons conduct inspections of permitted activities and work to resolve compliance/enforcement matters.**
- **Three persons are responsible for both permitting and inspections and compliance.**

The Right of Way Section monitors and manages encroachments in and unauthorized use of the District's 2,600 miles of canals and levees.

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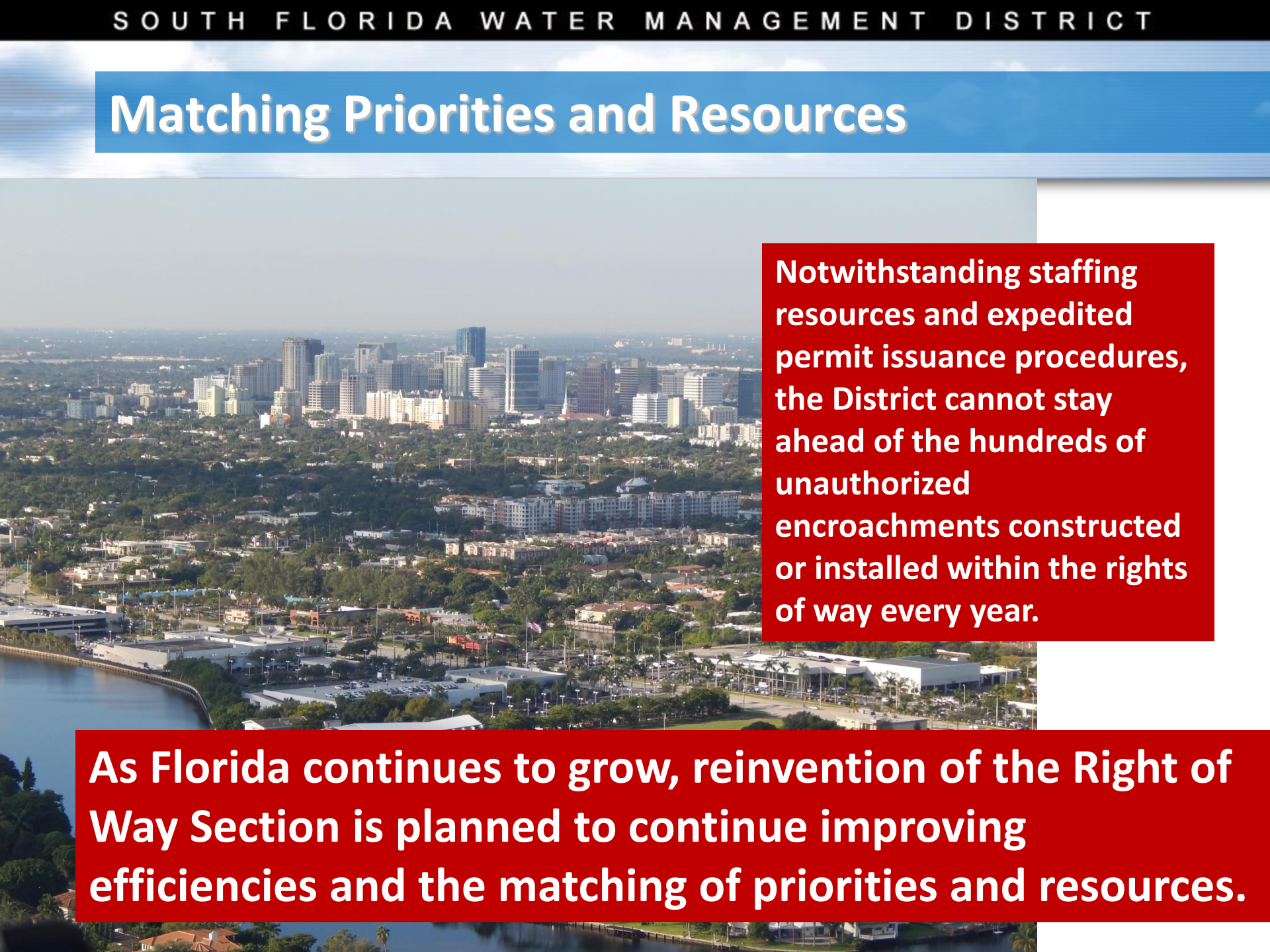


Each year, the Right of Way Section reviews and issues approximately 350 Right of Way Occupancy Permits.



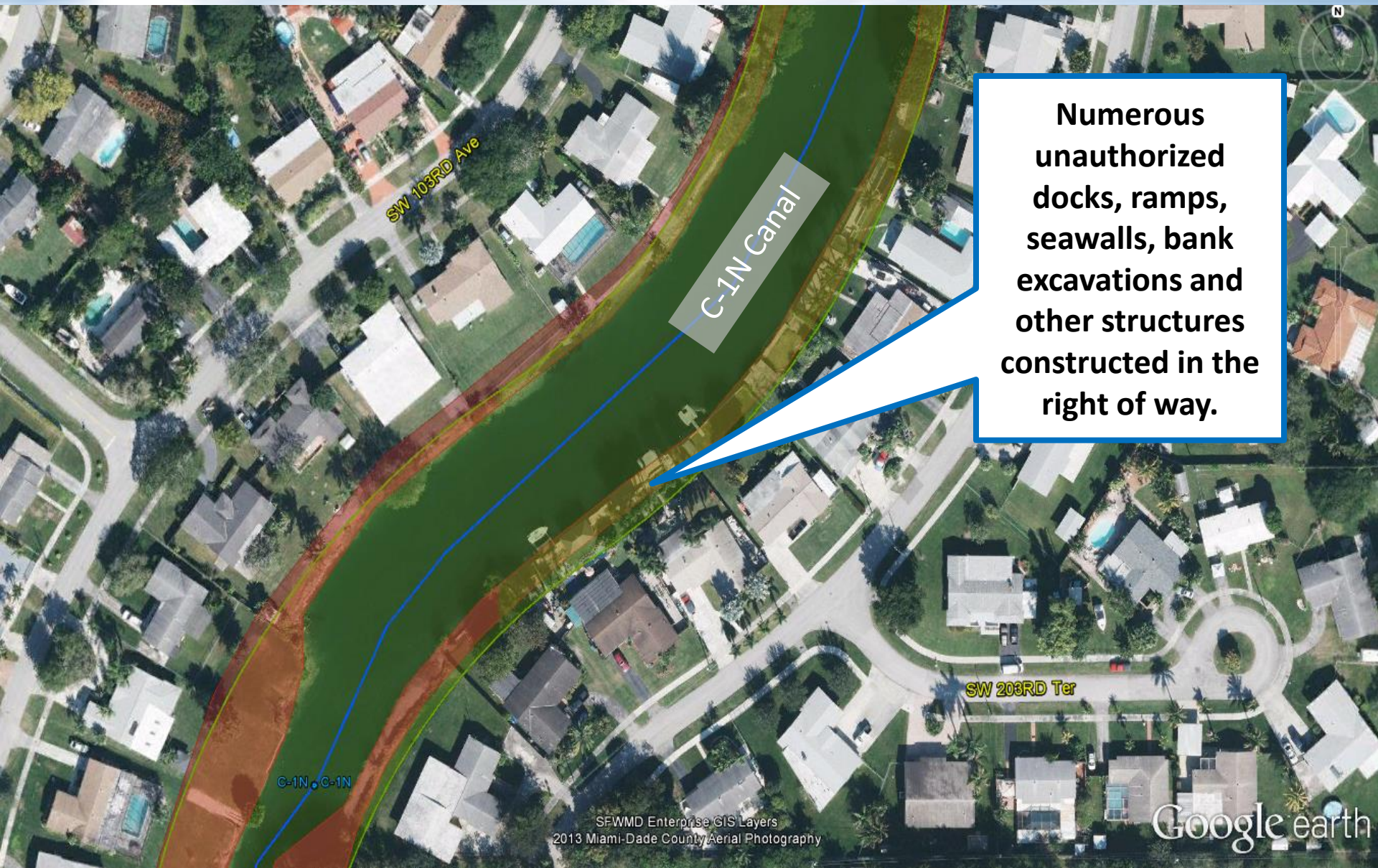
The Rules require that nearly any encroachment in the right of way be subject to permitting, from simple improvements like a hedge row to such complex infrastructure as a highway.

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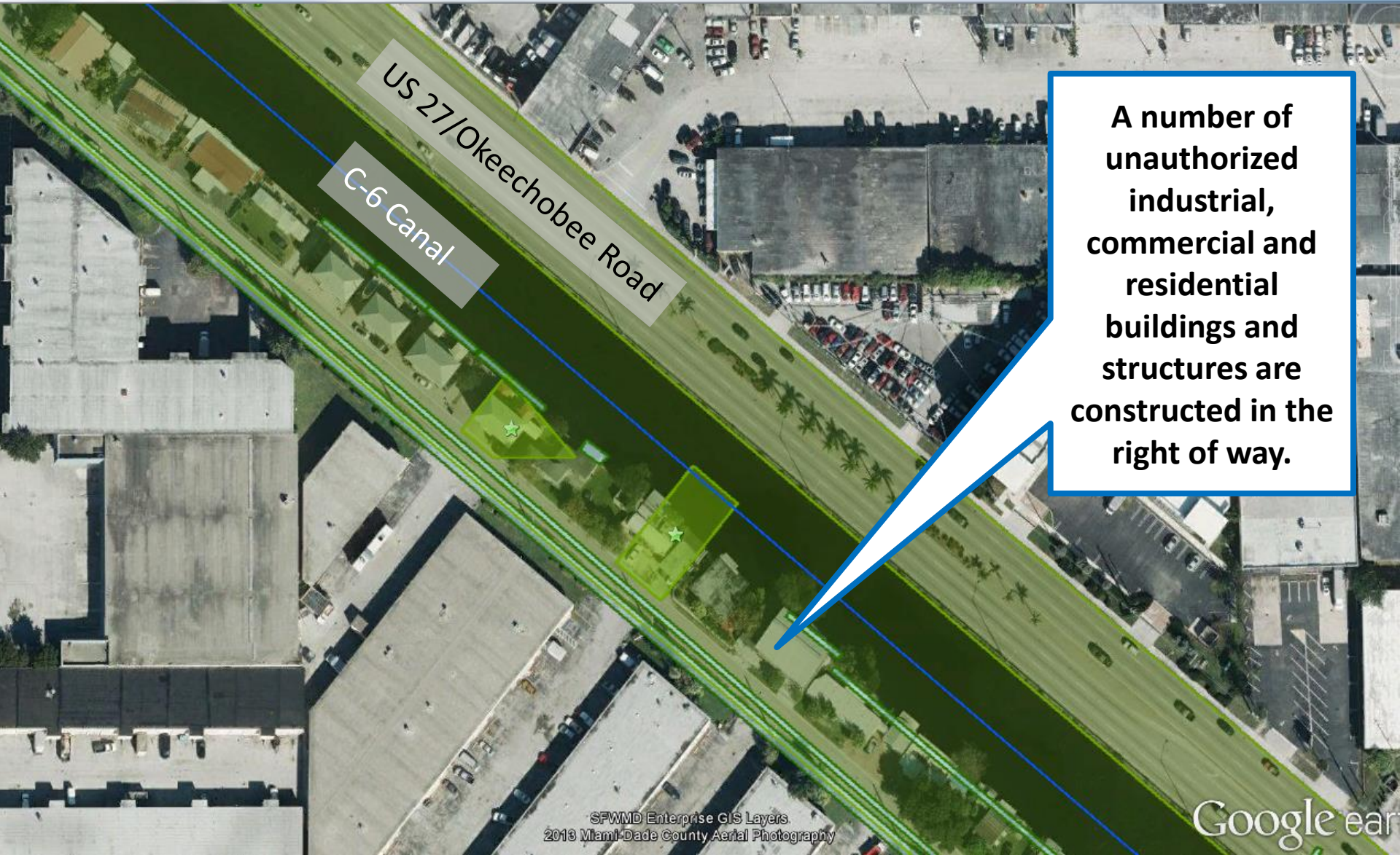
An aerial photograph of a city, likely Miami, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous high-rise buildings in the skyline. In the foreground, there is a body of water, possibly a river or bay, with some industrial or commercial buildings along the waterfront. The sky is clear and blue.

Notwithstanding staffing resources and expedited permit issuance procedures, the District cannot stay ahead of the hundreds of unauthorized encroachments constructed or installed within the rights of way every year.

As Florida continues to grow, reinvention of the Right of Way Section is planned to continue improving efficiencies and the matching of priorities and resources.



City of Medley



A number of unauthorized industrial, commercial and residential buildings and structures are constructed in the right of way.

City of Sweetwater



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C-4 Canal

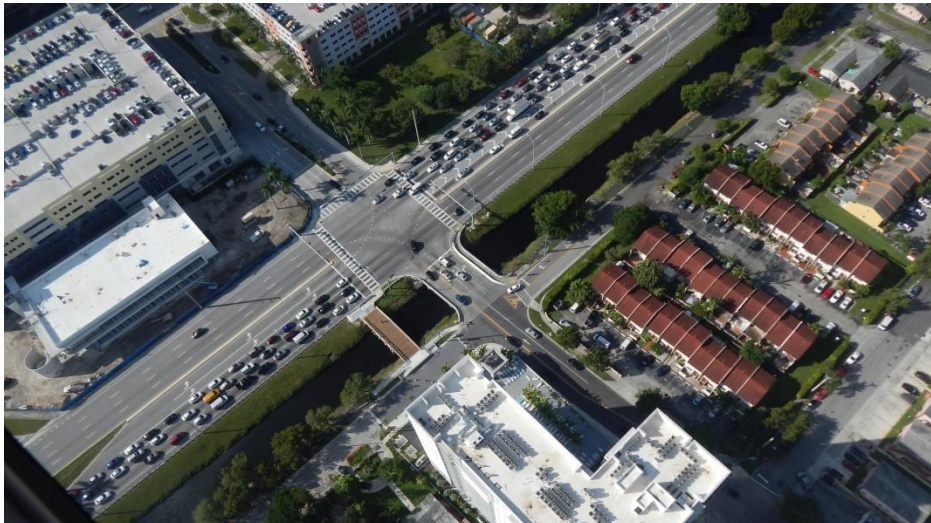
US 41/Tamiami Trail

**Numerous
unauthorized homes,
outbuildings, pools
and other structures
constructed in the
right of way.**

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One size fits all rules for the District's diverse 16-county region is inherently problematic.

The District intends to evaluate each canal segment to establish customized requirements based upon the character of the area, right of way available, maintenance needs and existing conditions.



A major revision to the Rules will be proposed to move away from “one size fits all” criteria.

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The District employed extensive public outreach in advance of and during the **Hillsboro Canal Recovery Project**.



Building upon the District's Successful Public Outreach

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Improved public outreach throughout the entire District is planned to educate property owners about District regulations and future plans and projects.

This initiative will help to improve the public's response to these important major projects.

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- E-Permitting
- Mobile Platform Field Applications (Tablet)
- Improved records management (internal and external customers)

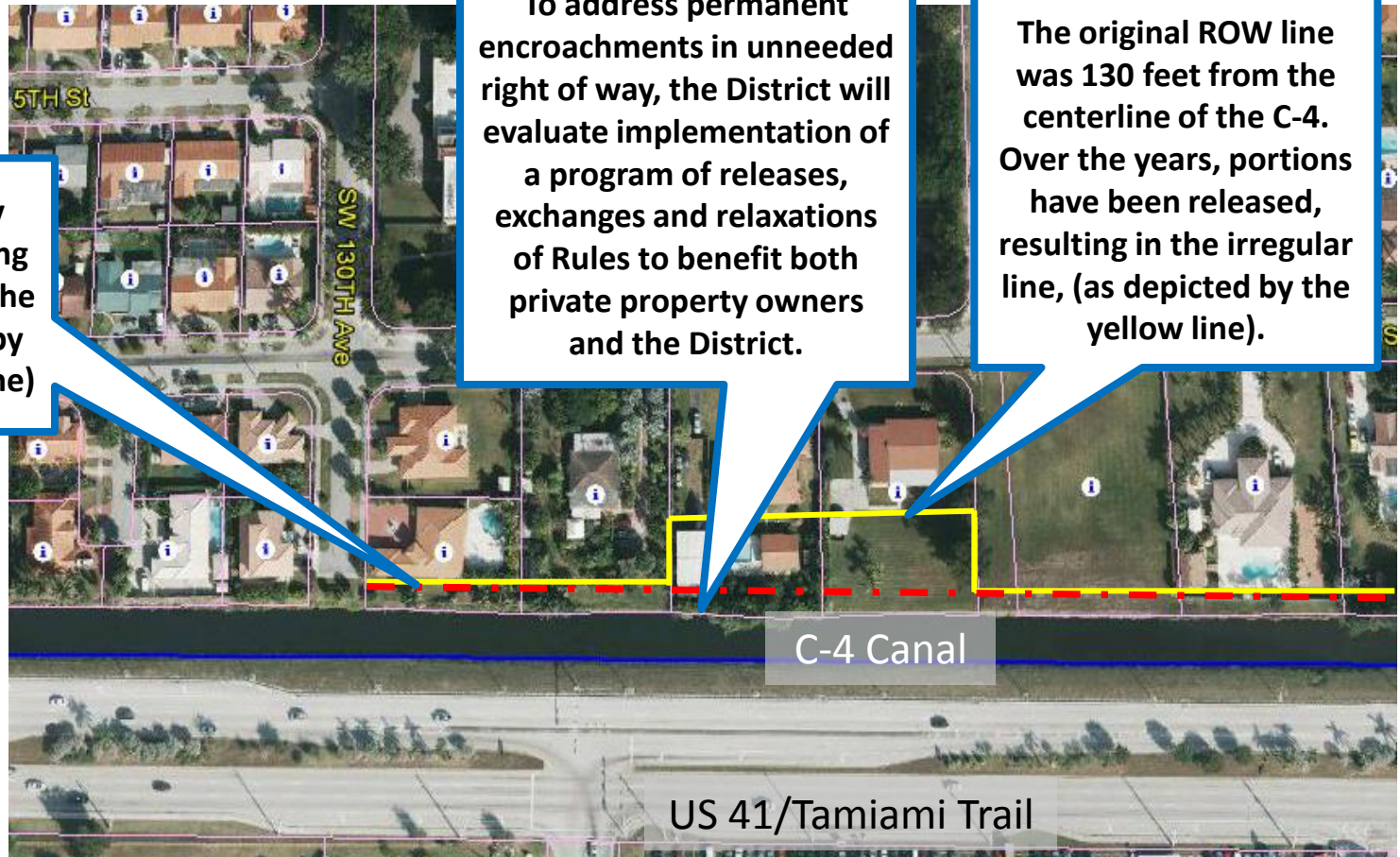
Technology and Records Management Improvements

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The District only needs 25 feet along the north side of the C-4 (as depicted by the dashed red line)

To address permanent encroachments in unneeded right of way, the District will evaluate implementation of a program of releases, exchanges and relaxations of Rules to benefit both private property owners and the District.

The original ROW line was 130 feet from the centerline of the C-4. Over the years, portions have been released, resulting in the irregular line, (as depicted by the yellow line).



The District is pursuing new real estate initiatives to find the right balance between public need and private use.

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Questions?



The Mission. Priorities. Resources. New Rules. New Thinking.